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TAGS: PFOR, PINT, SY

SUBJECT: SYRIAN MEDIA SUMMARY FOR FEB 15

1. SYRIAN MEDIA GENERALLY HEADLINED DEPARTURE OF PRES ASAD FOR BUCHAREST ALTHOUGH TISHRIIN BANNERED "VANCE MEETS WITH THE ARAB AMBASSADORS BEFORE LEAVING FOR THE MIDEAST. CARTER INVITES THE LEADERS OF THE REGION TO VISIT WASHINGTON."

2. ARTICLES QUOTED RADIO BEIRUT PREDICTING THAT CURRENT WEEK WOULD BE WEEK FOR CARRYING OUT ARTICLES OF CAIRO ACCORD AND WOULD ALSO WITNESS "BREAK-INS'S" TO PUT END TO ALL FORMS OF FIGHTING. SOME ARTICLES REPORTED ADF COMMAND HAD

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RELEASED STATEMENT ACCUSING "ELEMENTS" OF REJECTING SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS AND COMMITTING CRIMINAL ACTS WHICH RESULTED IN INJURIES AND ENDANGERED LIVES OF INNOCENT CITIZENS AND ADF ELEMENTS. IT WAS CLAIMED LIEUTENANT SERVING WITH ADF FORCES, BASSEM AL-SAJOUR, WAS MURDERED AFTER LYING WOUNDED. ARTICLES REPORTED IN WAKE OF INCIDENT CRACKDOWN HAD OCCURRED AND SOME ELEMENTS ARRESTED. STATEMENT OF PIERRE GEMAYEL LAUDING EFFORTS

OF QUADRIpartite COMMITTEE WAS REPORTED. RELATED EDITORIAL DECLARED OMINOUSLY THAT EXECUTION OF CAIRO ACCORD WOULD DISPOSE OF ANYONE WHO ATTEMPTED SABOTAGE IT.

3. OTHER ARTICLES CONTINUED TO ATTACK IRAQ. AUSTIN-PIKE COMMITTEE REPORT AGAIN CITED TO CHARGE THAT US SUPPORT FOR KURDS CUT-OFF TO PERMIT IRAQ PURSUE ITS FEUD WITH SYRIA.

4. MEDIA REPORTED MEETING HELD BETWEEN ALI HASSAN, CHIEF, SYRIAN RELATIONS BUREAU IN TRIPOLI AND LIBYAN MIN OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS ALI AL-TRIKII. AGREEMENT SAID TO HAVE BEEN REACHED OVER METHODS FOR LIBYANS TO DISPENSE WITH SERVICES OF SYRIAN WORKERS WHOSE SERVICES NO LONGER NEEDED WITHOUT FORCING THEIR ABRUPT DEPARTURE AS ALLEGEDLY OCCURRED RECENTLY. MURPHY

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